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1. This communication is responsive to supplemental amendment received on 4/12/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-9,11-13,15 and 16.
3. The drawings filed on 03 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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Supplemental Allowance

The Examiner respectfully submits a supplemental allowance in response to the amendment received on 4/12/2005 of application no. 09/825,022 filed on 4/3/2001 in which claims 1, 3-9, 11-13, and 15-16 are currently pending. **This application is allowed.**

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sungho Hong on 7/25/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 3 depends from claim 1, the amended claim reads as follows:

The apparatus according to claim [2] 1, wherein said control means shortens the photography times for the chapters to be photographed after the given chapter by a prolonged part of the photography time of the given chapter in proportion to the photography times set by said setting means.

Claim 11 depends from claim 9, the amended claim reads as follows:

The method according to claim [10] 9, wherein the photography times for the chapters to be photographed after the given chapter are shortened by a prolonged part of the photography time of the given chapter in proportion to the preset photography times.

Claim 15 depends from claim 13, the amended claim reads as follows:

The program according to claim [14] 13, wherein the photography times for the chapters to be photographed after the given chapter are shortened by a prolonged part of the photography time of the given chapter in proportion to the preset photography times.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Jelinek whose telephone number is (571) 272-7366. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached at (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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